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1. REFERENCE PARAGRAPHS ELEVEN AND TWELVE OF MOSCOW 9679:
MESSAGE ARRIVED TOO LATE TO INFLUENCE TABLING OF WORKING
PAPER OR RELATED PLENARY STATEMENT. IF MATTER CONCERNING
AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES TO ADEQUATE VERIFICATION IS BROUGHT
UP BY SOVIET SIDE, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WASHINGTON THOUGHT
THIS APPROACH BEST WAY TO HANDLE DELICATE MATTER IN CON-
TEXT OF CCD. WE DO NOT KNOW OF EXPLICIT SOVIET STATEMENT
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IN PUBLIC CONCERNING AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER. YOU ARE

AUTHORIZED TO PASS WORKING PAPER TO MOROKHOV IF THIS SEEMS DESIRABLE.

2. FRIDAY WASHINGTON POST HAD FRONT PAGE STORY BY MARILYN BERGER WHICH STATED THE FOLLOWING REGARDING TTBT/PNE:
QUOTE

FOLLOWING SEVEN HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GROMYKO, KISSINGER SAID "SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE" ON THE ARMS LIMITATIONS TALKS.

HE ALSO SAID GOOD PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN, WHICH WOULD LIMIT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS TO LESS THAN 150 KILOTONS. THE SOVIET UNION HAS SOUGHT TO HAVE THE TREATY PERMIT LARGER EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

REPORTERS ON THE KISSINGER PLANE WERE TOLD THAT ONE METHOD BEING SERIOUSLY DISCUSSED TO ASSURE THAT THE EXPLOSION IS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WOULD BE ON-SITE INSPECTION. IF THE SOVIETS AGREE, IT WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME THEY WOULD PERMIT SUCH INSPECTION ON THEIR TERRITORY.

(SEVERAL NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED THAT A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID ON-SITE INSPECTIONS "COULD WELL OCCUR" AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN MADE.) END QUOTE.
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